

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ENROLLING in DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

To provide an opportunity for middle and high school students to enroll in afterschool programs, and allow for a targeted afterschool enrollment period, DCPS is implementing the following changes at select middle school and high school afterschool programs¹.

- For youth to participate in afterschool programs on the first day of school, parents must enroll their children at their home school beginning Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19, 2011. *(Applications will not be accepted prior 8/15.)*
- No child will be allowed to remain after school on the first day of school without fully enrolling in the afterschool program. To enroll, parents must submit the following to the afterschool coordinator at their child's school:
 - DCPS afterschool enrollment application
 - Signed FERPA letter

(These documents can be obtained from your afterschool coordinator or by visiting our website at: <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Beyond+the+Classroom/Afterschool+Programs>.)

DCPS afterschool programs provide much more than afternoon supervision. They allow students to participate in academic and extracurricular enrichment activities and to develop new hobbies and skills. Community based organizations and DCPS teachers and aides provide a variety of unique programming options to students. Supper is also provided to students at no cost.

Participation in high-quality afterschool programs has been proven to improve school attendance, academic achievement, graduation rates and attitudes toward learning. Students attending three hours of afterschool programming each day gain the equivalent of nearly four months of learning time.

Please continue to work with your afterschool coordinators, at each respective site, if you have questions about specific site-based afterschool options. Visit: <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Beyond+the+Classroom/Afterschool+Programs> for more information on afterschool programs.

If there are additional questions that your afterschool coordinator can't answer, please contact the Critical Response Team at 202.478.5738.

¹ Anacostia, Ballou, Benjamin Banneker, Cardozo, Columbia Heights, Coolidge, Deal, Dunbar, Eliot-Hine, Jefferson, Johnson, Kelly Miller, Kramer, Luke C. Moore, Macfarland, McKinley, Phelps, Prospect, Ron Brown, Roosevelt, School Without Walls, Shaw, Sousa, Spingarn, Stuart-Hobson, Wilson, Woodson